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AND COMPOSITIONS THEREOF

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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Mail Stop Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action ("Office Action") having a mailing date of April 14, 2004, with a three-month shortened statutory period for response set to expire on July 14, 2004. As said period has expired, accompanying this request is a petition, under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136, for a two-month extension of time and the necessary fee, as set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a). Please amend the above-identified Application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.